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SUBJECT: MOBUTU PLAN: TEXT OF BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S
LETTER TO SECRETARY VANCE CONVENING BRUSSELS MEETING.

REF: BRUSSELS 7720

1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PROVIDED US THE
FOLLOWING ENGLISH TEXT OF THE LETTER DATED APRIL 17
FROM FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET TO SECRETARY VANCE
CONVENING BRUSSELS MEETING ON ZAIRE'S MOBUTU PLAN
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"AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THIS SUMMER".

2. BEGIN TEXT:
MY DEAR COLLEAGUE,
IN MY LAST COMMUNICATION DATED JANUARY 10TH,
CONCERNING ZAIRE'S FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY
PLAN (MOBUTU PLAN), I INFORMED YOU THAT THE PRESIDENT

OF THE ZAIRE REPUBLIC INTENDED TO SEND MESSAGES TO CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SOLICITING THEIR COLLABORATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN. SINCE THEN, PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS SENT EMISSARIES TO THE VARIOUS CAPITALS AND TO THE HEADS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED.

2. I ALSO MENTIONED TO YOU THAT, SHOULD THESE COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ACCEPT PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S REQUEST THAT BELGIUM INITIATE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, I WOULD BE PREPARED TO ORGANIZE A MEETING, IN BRUSSELS, OF THOSE COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, IN VIEW OF DISCUSSING THE BEST MEANS BY WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COULD ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOBUTU PLAN.

3. SINCE THEN, PRELIMINARY CONTACTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN ZAIRIAN AND BELGIAN EXPERTS. IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT FROM FEBRUARY 20 TO 25TH, A GROUP OF ZAIRIAN EXPERTS, LED BY CITIZEN BOKANA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TO THE PRESIDENTIAL BUREAU, CAME TO PRESENT A DRAFT OF AN ECONOMIC REVIVAL PLAN FOR THE PERIOD OF 1978-79-80. THE BELGIAN EMBASSIES IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS WEEK OF MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS. AT PRESENT, THE ZAIRE AUTHORITIES ARE EXAMINING THE ECONOMIC REVIVAL

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PLAN DRAFT IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN BRUSSELS.

4. IN MY JANUARY COMMUNICATION, I HAD POINTED OUT THE EMPHASIS WHICH THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVES, IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE ZAIRE AUTHORITIES, HAD PLACED ON THE NECESSARY REFORM OF THE BANK OF ZAIRE AND THE INDISPENSABLE REINSTATEMENT OF ORTHODOX BUDGET MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. THE ZAIRE STATE COMMISSIONER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CITIZEN UMBA DI LUTETE, WENT TO WASHINGTON ON MARCH 3RD, AND PRESENTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S REQUEST IN VIEW OF OBTAINING THAT INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS BE PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE BANK, ONE OF THESE EXPERTS BEING NAMED TO THE POST OF GENERAL MANAGER. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MONETARY FUND WENT TO KINSHASA BEGINNING OF APRIL TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH THE ZAIRE AUTHORITIES. THE IMF SHOULD ALSO SOON BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ZAIRE IN VIEW OF PREPARING A NEW STABILIZATION PLAN AND WORKING OUT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

5. IN VIEW OF THE FAVOURABLE REACTIONS OF THE COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED AND SUBSEQUENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ZAIRE AUTHORITIES, I PROPOSE THAT A FIRST MEETING OF TOP-LEVEL OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS BE HELD IN BRUSSELS AT THE PALAIS D'EGMONT. THIS MEETING WILL BE OF AN EXPLORATORY NATURE AND WILL IN NO WAY AIM AT OBTAINING DEFINITE COMMITMENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENTS. IT SHOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THIS SUMMER. THE PRECISE DATE WILL BE GIVEN AS SOON AS SUFFICIENT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AS REGARDS THE SUBJECTS MENTIONED ABOVE IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4.

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THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SEND DELEGATES TO THIS MEETING:
- SAUDI ARABIA, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE, IRAN, ITALY, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, THE GERMAN

FEDERAL REPUBLIC, THE UNITED KINGDOM.

- THE WORLD BANK, THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND,
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION.
THE BELGIAN DELEGATION WILL BE PRESIDED OVER BY
AMBASSADOR ANDRE ERNEMANN, PERMANENT BELGIAN DELEGATE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS. HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.
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IN THE COURSE OF THESE FIRST CONTACTS, THE FOLLOWING
QUESTIONS COULD BE DEALT WITH:

- PRESENTATION OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE MOBUTU PLAN
(DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK AND CONTACTS UNDER WAY
SINCE THE PRESIDENT OF ZAIRE SOLICITED BELGIUM'S
COLLABORATION LAST JUNE).
- FUNCTIONING OF THE BANK OF ZAIRE - STABILIZATION
PLAN TO BE CONCLUDED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY
FUND. (THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND COULD MAKE A
PROGRESS REPORT ON ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ZAIRE
AUTHORITIES).
- PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE MOBUTU PLAN AND THE
TERMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION. (THE ZAIRE AUTHORITIES
HAVE STATED THEIR INTENTION OF SENDING A FINALIZED
VERSION OF THE PLAN TO THE VARIOUS CAPITALS AS SOON
AS IT IS AVAILABLE).
- MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE CONTINUED INTERNATIONAL
CONCERTED ACTION - ROLE OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE WORLD BANK.
I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING ME KNOW
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER YOU AGREE TO THE GENERAL
OUTLINE FOR THIS MEETING AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND WHICH
REPRESENTATIVES YOU EXPECT TO SEND AT THIS OCCASION.
MY COLLABORATORS AND I REMAIN AT YOUR DISPOSAL FOR ANY
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION YOU MIGHT REQUIRE AT THE
PRESENT TIME. SINCERELY YOURS, HENRI SIMONET.
END TEXT. CHAMBERS

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